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English Language Program students at PUC represent three countries: Brazil, Saudi Arabia and China. PUC currently recruits in the Euro-Asia region and the Middle East. PUC plans to begin recruiting in the Pacific Rim region next semester. There are no immediate plans for recruiting in Central America or South America.

A world away

ELP program prepares students for career goals

Brian Bultema
Managing Editor

When the first wave of international students began to attend PUC in fall 2005, a major problem quickly surfaced. Many students who were academically qualified simply lacked the English language skills needed to succeed in the classroom.

PUC quickly improvised. Several professors from other departments were shifted to teach English language classes and a few more instructors were hired.

None possessed the requirements for teaching English to international students and there was little formal structure, according to Mohammed Errihani, the current program director.

"There was a great deal of intuition and improvisation," Errihani said. "You can't improvise when students are paying $10,000 per semester."

Why is there ELP at PUC?

The university hired Errihani in May 2007 to improve the system. He sent professors from other departments back to their area of specialization. He hired only instructors with degrees in applied linguistics or certified Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages. He also set up a mentoring system for all English Language Program students and overhauled the course curriculum.

"The program didn't even have a name at the time," Errihani said.

Like PUC, many universities around the United States have set up ELP programs in recent years to attract students from other countries. They all have the hopes of increasing academic talent on campus and giving domestic students a slice of globalization. And the demand for more quality international students at many

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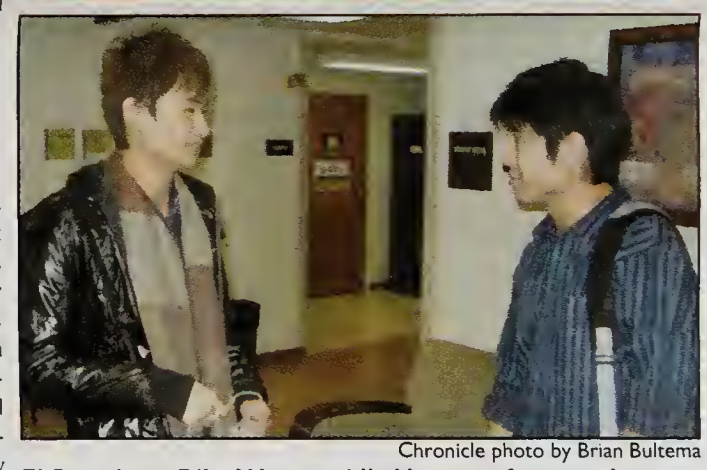

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ELP students Dike Wang and Jia Hong say fees are the most difficult aspect to the program, but that they are picking up English rather quickly.

Chronicle photo by Vineel Palla

PUC alumni listen to Chancellor Howard Cohen deliver the keynote speech Friday evening. The university honored 21 alumni who have demonstrated success in their respective fields.

University honors alumni

Steven VanderVelde
Staff Writer

PUC alumni offered advice to current students Friday evening on being more marketable in an economy with rising unemployment. Twenty-one outstanding alumni were honored with medallions for successes in their fields. It was all part of Alumni Leaders Day at the Calumet Conference Center.

Judith Kaufman, vice chancellor for advancement, said, "The bottom line is we look for alumni who are examples and role models for our current students who have experienced a great deal of success in their chosen fields."

Members were offered an open forum to answer questions posed by the audience. Many of the questions revolved around finding a job in the current economic conditions.

"It's all networking, networking, networking," Jesus Cervera, an alumnus and vice president of community affairs at Citizens Financial Bank, said. "That and some experience in your field is the only way to help you become more marketable outside of your academic background."

Many alumni agreed and said students must differentiate themselves from the competition. They suggested volunteer work in their fields, internships and even taking a wide variety of electives to show a diversity of thought.

Douglas Ollie, an alumnus in marketing, human resources and management,

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What's Going On?

A Look Around...

Purdue Theatre Company

The Purdue Theatre Company will be sponsoring two plays this month in the YJean Chambers Hall in the SUL building. Ellen Byron's "Graceland" and Theresa Carilli's "Cat Hoarders Anonymous" will be shown Nov. 14-16 and 21-22. Performances start at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and 3 p.m. on Sunday.

There will also be a talk-back session with writer Theresa Carilli, Ph.D. after the Nov. 16 3 p.m. performance.

Tickets cost $10 and are free for PUC students with a student I.D.

IPO Essay Contest

The International Programs Office is sponsoring an essay contest this semester as part of International Education Week. The contest runs through Nov. 19, and the subject is the "Calumet Region and the World."

Submissions must be from PUC students only and must be 1,500 to 2,000 words. Students are asked to answer the questions: "How is Northwest Indiana connected to the global economy?" The first prize for the contest is $250. Entries are to be submitted to Rasha Abed in CSRV 101.

For more information, call 219-989-8348 or email Abed at abedr@calumet.purdue.edu.

Family Movie Night

Student Activities will be showing "Shark Tale" starring Will Smith and Jack Black on Friday, Nov. 21. It will be shown from 6-8 p.m. in the SUL Calumet Falls T.V. lounge. *Bring the whole family.*

Music Lunch Series

Ryan Adcock will be performing live in the Oaken Arbor Café this Monday, Nov. 17 from 11 a.m. till 1 p.m. Listen while you eat, sponsored by Student Activities.

Operation Night Café

Free coffee and hot chocolate will be served in the CLO concourse this Wednesday, Nov. 19 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Only while supplies last.

Coat Drive

Drop off your old coats, hats, sweaters and gloves this week to help those less fortunate in the community. Reception will be in SUL concourse from 12 to 2 p.m. this Monday and Tuesday (Nov. 17-18). Reception will then be in CLO concourse from 3 to 5 p.m. this Wednesday and Thursday (Nov. 19-20).

Dance Show

"Dans: A Cultural Dance Show" will be performed in the Calumet Conference Center in celebration of International Education week. It will take place this Friday, Nov. 21 from 7-10 p.m. The dance show will feature the Arabic dance troupe of Ferqat Alfnoon Alshabia and performances from other cultures.

There will be a $5 entrance fee.

Questions can be emailed to ipomentors@calumet.purdue.edu or call (219) 229-1649.

The Greys Live Show

Local band "The Greys," from Highland, will perform in Calumet Falls this Tuesday, Nov. 18 at 7 p.m. For more information on the band and a sample of their music, visit their site at www.myspace.com/musicbythegreys

Adventure Trip

A bus will be taking PUC students to Michigan City Prime Outlets on Nov. 29. The bus will leave campus at 9 a.m. and return at 5 p.m. Participants must register by Nov. 25.

Register at Lawshe 352 or call Sue at 219-989-2367.

Student Employment Training Series

A seminar on web navigation will be given in SUL 321 from 3-4 p.m. Monday, Nov. 17. Another seminar on student employment basics will be given in SUL 321 from 11a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in SUL 321 on Tuesday, Nov. 18. For more information, call 219-989-2600 or stop by SUL 349.

Submitting Briefs

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A touch of Dutch culture

Nathyn D. Gibson
Editor-in-Chief

Building Community through the Arts presented Celebrate Dutch Heritage to the community Saturday, an event celebrating Dutch music, culture and food. The event was free to the public and was held in the Alumni Hall which could barely hold the 350 Dutch and non-Dutch attendees.

The Building Community through the Arts program was created as a community outreach project with intentions to reach out to the diverse community that PUC holds. Twice per year the Building Community through the Arts program identifies a culture to celebrate to make a point that the school's strength lies in its many cultures.

Before the program began, the audience was treated to authentic Dutch cuisine, which was provided by Strack and Van Til. The selection of food included Roodekool (Hot Red Cabbage Slaw), Saucuzen Broodjbes (pigs -in-blankets), Hutspot Mix Mettwurst (potato, carrot, onion, and sometimes sausage) and Snert (split pea soup with ham).

Dutch History Live, an intergenerational group of Dutch performers, provided a variety of music, dancing and skits. Judy Tuinenga of Dutch History Live told a story of about a Dutch pheasant boy and his dog who out-ran the king and his four horses. In the story, the king and his horses tried to out-run the pheasant boy and his dogs but couldn't. The pheasant boy lured the king and his horses into a pile of mud, leaving his horses and his carriage muddy. The king appreciated the pheasant boy's sense of humor and rewarded him with gold. Stories like the latter were told to explain The Netherlands transition into becoming a monarchy.

Nicole Veenstra and Jazmin Barnett-Birdsong also made on stage appearances. Nicole Veenstra, 13, from Bishop Noll Preparatory Academy played the role of Anne Frank in "The Diary of Anne Frank." Joining her on stage was Jazmin Barnett-Birdsong, a junior in Mathmathetics who recited a monologue from the play "Escape to Freedom."

An exhibit was held in room 321. Portions of the exhibit included the Strack and Van Til markets and Providence Banks, which were both created by people of Dutch heritage. During the exhibit, Dutch History Live demonstrated subjects from slates used to make gingerbread to brown sugar cookies to Dutch spinning wheels used to make thread for clothing.

"[I came] to learn something about the Dutch and to get out of the cold," said Allen Smith of Munster.

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Left: Jazmin Barnett-Birdsong performs an excerpt from 'Escapt to Freedom.'

Bottom: Members of the audience and members of Dutch History Live reenact a Dutch tale about a man who grew a giant carrot but was unable to pull it out by himself, causing him to be helped by several people.

Alumni

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said, "Only about one percent of jobs are on monster.com, so you have to tap into the people you know who may know other people looking to hire. You can have all these degrees but at the end of the day it comes down to experience and networking."

Alumni also urged students to keep an open mind and take on as many challenges as they can.

Marsha King, an alumna in nursing, said, "Obstacles are opportunities and you should never be discouraged and give up. I juggled a family, school and a career to get where I am today. It all only served to make me a stronger person."

Edward Shultz, an alumnus in engineering, said students need to be flexible and follow their passion. He is an engineer and will be ordained as a preacher next year.

"You're going to be doing many different jobs throughout your life, learning things you'll never think you'll use, but you will, Shultz said. "You have to have a fire in your gut, keep up hope, and just go. This market will turn around and you need to go for what fires you up."

An open networking opportunity was offered where the audience could talk personally with the alumni honorees.

Have you attended any PUC related events this semester?

Bo Fang
Grad
Engineering

"No, because this is my first semester [at PUC] and I'm not interested in some of the events."

"I went to the Moon Festival because all my friends went and there was free food"

Adam Korman
Junior
Pre-Medicine

Chris Parker
Freshman
Undecided

"No, because I've been busy with a lot of school work, projects, and assignments"

CTIS Connection

Information Technology Services at Purdue University Calumet

Things to Remember

This is the fifth and final article in a series about Internet Security during Nation Cyber Security Awareness Month.

Just because the end of the month has arrived does not mean you should not think about cyber security. The next time you use a computer, think about what you have learned here. Now, a recap of some of the tips you have been given over the last four weeks:

- Apply operating system security and anti-virus updates regularly.
- Install and use an anti-virus program.
- Always use strong passwords and keep them secret.
- Use firewall protection.
- Regularly back up hard drive data and store in a safe and secure location.
- Never use a computer to store sensitive, personal information, such as bank account or credit card numbers, passwords, usernames, or social security numbers.
- Do not open any e-mail unless you know who sent it.
- Do not open any attachments unless you were expecting them, even if it is from someone you know and trust.
- Do not leave your computer logged into the Internet when it is not being used.
- Lock your workstation when you will be away from your computer, even for just a minute.
- Reboot your computer daily.
- Only shop on trusted sites that have secure payment options.

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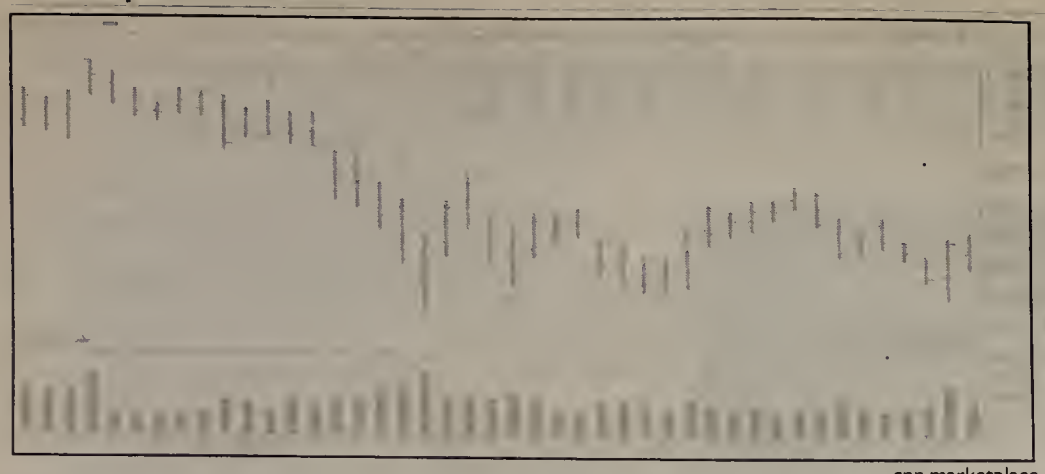

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The Dow Jones dropped from over 11,000 points to just over 8,000 in two months.

Students witness history in competition

Club sees market melt down in two months

Andrea Drac
Staff Writer

Furticella

The PUC Finance and Accounting Club started a virtual stock market competition Sept. 22 before the bottom fell out of the stock market over the next few weeks.

The competition wrapped up Friday, giving all FAC members approximately two months to test their luck in the stock market. Cash prizes of *$100, $50* and *$25 will be awarded* to the top three students with the highest net worth.

"The investment competition is offered each semester," FAC Faculty Adviser Ed Furticella said. "The investment competition is one of the ways that our club bridges the gap between classroom instruction and real-life business challenges."

Warner

One of the game's major challenges was the economy, which collapsed many times during the game.

"As an investor, it was devastating to see stocks plummet all across the board almost every day," FAC President Rachel Warner said. "Students had to decide whether or not to hold on to their devaluing stocks, or to risk buying more stocks since the basic trend of the market is decreasing at this time."

Furticella said student involvement remained strong throughout the competition. Market volatility seemed to peak everyone's interest in current business news. This allowed students to gain a better understanding of the process.

"I learned during this competition that you need to take the bad times along with the good," she said. "The market is a cycle. It has its ups and downs and it will come back over time if you allow it to. Personally I think that when you invest your money in the stock market at a relatively young age, it's best to just leave your stocks alone and let them grow. Over time you will make a profit."

Even with the ups and downs, Furticella felt all the members got something out of the competition.

"The current market conditions created a more active involvement in the competition," he said. "Because of market swings, participating students seemed to have a greater awareness of the risks and rewards related to various investment strategies. Students demonstrated their ability to think out-of-the-box as they applied classroom instruction to current market conditions."

For anyone who's interested in joining a game of their own, visit the web site virtualstockexchange.com.

What is PUC up to?

A look at 8 students' **facebook.com** statuses from this weekend:

Jeremy Homan | "Thinks I can throw for 300 yards against the Bears."

Kim Cheek | "Is just on the phone with Geico...they wouldn't let me talk to the lizard."

Corynne Gregory | "Thanks for the birthday wishes friends =]"

Caitlin Ryder | "Is sick of all the papers."

Amy Gyure | "Is happy bout the pack and i get to see my boy on fri."

Rebecca Proud | "Is so ready for my quiz tomarrow...then work woo hoo cant wait."

Kaitlin Craig | "Is watching the Wizard of Oz on TBS! Heck yes!"

Chris Dravet | "The meeting was morally right....but constitutionally wrong!"

ELP

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ELP instructors Lauren Trampe and Pamela Martin incorporate role playing, debate, discussion and film in the classroom.

schools continues to grow.

PUC is looking to attract at least 500 more international students in coming years to reach a 10 percent international student goal of the administration. PUC currently has 482 international students, 74 of which are ELP students. Of these 74 students 68 are Chinese, five are Saudi and one is Brazilian.

Errihani said the role of ELP boils down to diversity.

"Isn't everybody pursuing diversification?" Errihani said. "Even with a portfolio people seek diversification. You don't invest in just real estate. It's the same on campus."

Errihani, who just returned from a seven country recruiting tour in the Middle East, said many students abroad recognize the Purdue name which has helped the ELP program at PUC. While most ELP students who finish the program stay to pursue their education at PUC, some move on to Purdue West Lafayette and other Chicagoland area schools.

PUC's ELP program

When international students submit an application for admission to U.S. universities, they must provide evidence of competency in the English language, usually by passing the Test of English as a Foreign Language. Without proven English competency, students who pass PUC's admission standards must take another test to see if they have a beginning, intermediate or advanced level of English.

The program requires students to study English for a full year, including the summer, at about $10,000 per semester. Classes include reading, writing, listening and speaking classes along with numerous electives.

ELP instructors like Lauren Trampe and Pamela Martin use group work, role playing, discussion and debate to help students learn the language quickly. Many instructors require students to speak only English in the classroom.

Errihani said ELP students' fear of expressing themselves in a foreign language is eased when they are put in a classroom context.

But the program not only teaches language. It's a crash course on American culture too. Film electives show movies like "American Beauty" and "Small Time Crooks" to help students better understand American ideals.

Errihani said, for instance, many ELP students are shocked to see McDonald's degraded in "Super Size Me," which is a cultural icon of wealth and prestige in many countries.

Challenges of ELP

Dike Wang and Jia Hong, both intermediate ELP students at PUC, said becoming integrated into campus life as an English language student has been the most difficult thing since arriving in the U.S. in August.

"If native speakers think your language skills suck then they won't want to talk to you very long," Wang said.

Hong said many PUC students are friendly, but conversations often don't last long.

"ELP is like its own little world," Julie Osborn, secretary in the ELP program, said.

Many students find it difficult to break out of their own ethnic group, and it becomes increasingly difficult since such a high percentage of ELP students are Chinese, according to Errihani.

Errihani instituted a mentoring program with English speakers to combat this, and plans on meeting more with University Village resident director Chanda Hott in order to have English speakers in each suite by the next school year.

To increase diversity, Errihani said the university is looking to recruit more in the Middle East.

Director of Admissions Paul McGuinness said the university plans to expand recruiting in the Pacific Rim region next semester and in South America sometime in the distant future.

Errihani has a comment box for all ELP students and said the primary complaint is fees.

Errihani said many Chicagoland universities offer much cheaper programs. He said the fees for ELP students are currently in negotiation and a new fee system will likely be introduced next semester.

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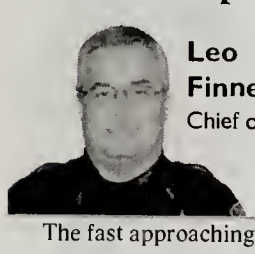

Leo Finnerty
Chief of Police

The fast approaching holiday season means our busy everyday lives here at PUC become even busier.

As the weather changes and winter sets in, extra attention must be given to keeping our campus safe and accessible. We also must remain alert and vigilant to our surroundings once we arrive at our destination.

Whether you are here on campus or at the shopping mall, stay focused on your surroundings, including any suspicious individuals in and around them.

On campus

Here, we have police officers who continuously patrol our campus 24 hours a day, seven days a week. We also employ security personnel in recognizable vehicles to assist distressed student, faculty and staff motorists. Our security personnel also provide another set of eyes for keeping watch over the campus and reporting to University Police accidents and suspicious behavior.

To further enhance safety and orderliness, University Police utilizes student patrol officers who are authorized to issue tickets for illegal parking. If you park in approved, designated areas, there's no problem. Understand that tickets are issued because University Police and Student Patrol officers are doing their job of paying attention and being alert.

Off campus

When making a trip to the shopping mall, please be aware of the credit cards you take with you. In my many years in law enforcement, I have investigated numerous stolen purse crimes experienced by women shopping.

Such crimes include purses stolen from an owner while in a store trying on clothes, purses stolen from restrooms, purses left open and wallets removed following a slight diversion.

Make sure your credit card is returned to you and you put it away immediately after using it to make a purchase. Since women typically rely on their purse to make purchases—which thieves are well aware of—wearing a fanny pack may be a safer alternative.

After you have completed your shopping and are leaving the mall for another location, conceal in your vehicle what you have purchased. Don't invite would-be thieves to confiscate your purchases by leaving packages in plain view. Take an "out of sight, out of mind" approach.

Exercising common sense while paying attention can go a long way in keeping you from becoming a victim this holiday season.

Chief Leo Finnerty is the interim police chief of the PUC University Police.

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Highland booze ban

The issue: *Banning of alcohol in public places*

Our opinion: *Highland's alcohol ban in public areas does nothing more than strip a right away from law-abiding citizens.*

Last Monday the Highland Town Council passed an ordinance to prohibit alcohol from all public areas, including streets and parkways.

So any outdoor dining experience will be filled with food and drinks, without any booze however.

Sidewalk cafes, beer sales at parks or at adult softball games in town parks were all prohibited under the ordinance adopted 3-2 by the Town Council, with Council President Bernie Zemen and Councilman Mark Herak voting no.

Liability for drinking at a town event and then hopping in a vehicle that could kill someone was the reasoning behind the ban.

"Typical bonehead leadership in Highland...hasn't changed in decades," wrote one internet commentator in response to a commentary on nwitimes.com.

Many people in the town are asking why?

Isn't there already laws on public intoxication and drunk driving, why pile on another law just for liability's sake.

"It's apparent that the Town Council has nothing better to concern themselves with than preventing something from taking place that has been happening for years without incident. How wonderful that all the problems with flooding, sewers, streets, and budget concerns have been resolved by the Town Council," wrote another commentator on the website.

Local business could ultimately be hurt the most from the ban. Restaurants downtown now are being swayed away from having outdoor cafes and beer gardens, which would have drawn more people to the downtown area.

Town festivals in the summer now will be serving non-alcoholic beverages in the summer, even though an incident has never caused any problems. Having a couple cold frosty beers while playing in a softball league game now will be illegal and without cause.

Some would say that it's better to be ahead of the problem and put an end to it before it could escalate, but this is uncalled for.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Thank you for the article about the resurgence of the Purdue Theatre Co. here on campus. We are excited about our current production, "Graceland" and especially "Cat Hoarders Anonymous," penned by our esteemed faculty member Dr. Theresa Carilli. Working with her is always a pleasure. I must correct one item in the article. Our musical production in the spring will, in fact, be "Snoopy!" but I will be working with Ms. Patricia Hales, Continuing Lecturer from the Communication and Creative Arts department. Ms. Hales is an award-winning musical director who has worked with many community theatre groups in the NW Indiana area, including the Purdue Theatre Co. I am pleased to be working with her and look forward to our collaboration in the spring.

Sincerely yours,
Corya Kennedy Channing
Director, Purdue Theatre Co.

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What are we missing?

Is there a major story on campus we haven't covered yet? Do you know of a PUC student or faculty member who would be an interesting figure to profile? Please send any story ideas to chronicle_eic@yahoo.com.

Finding the humor in everyday life

Steven VaderVelde
Staff Writer

"Why so serious?" said Heath Ledger as the Joker in "The Dark Knight." Yeah, I know. If I hear one more Joker impression I'm going to make a pencil disappear into my eye socket. But I think this quote really works with what I want to say here.

A couple weeks ago Managing Editor Brian Bultema's column addressed why we need to lighten up in our daily routines, and Editor-in-Chief Nathyn Gibson told us last week about his hunger to stick out in the crowd. I want to go one step further and say we all need to loosen up, draw a crowd and just be downright strange at times.

What I mean, is this campus could use some more humor in it. PUC is still a commuter campus. We come here, go to class, do our work and then go home. It's just business and, for the most part we never really get a chance to be funny. We need to step out of our comfort zones and try to actually interact with more people. And I believe humor is a great way to do this.

I used to be very introverted in my college career. I was one of the people who only stayed here as long as I needed to so I could get my credits and be one step closer to graduation. Well, graduation is almost here for me and as I look back, I really wish I would have been more outgoing and done some memorable things.

I am now taking some steps to practice what I am preaching here. At the beginning of last semester I had a professor who did roll call and wanted to know if anyone had any nicknames. To my surprise, nobody had anything more exciting than Jeff as opposed to Jeffrey. So I raised my hand and asked if I could be referred to as Batman for the entirety of the semester. I was the punch line of many jokes that semester, but at least there were jokes to lighten up that class and get people to laugh.

This sounds all well and good, but how might someone let loose their inner clown? The thing is, there are a million ways.

For example, did you ever notice how those triangular take-out boxes the cafeteria has for the pizza make great hand puppets? This is where you need to figure out what works for you. Buy an interesting t-shirt, make witty observations or just laugh with those who are already like this. I know I appreciate them.

So what I'm trying to say here is let's just let loose, be interesting and according to the Joker "put a smile on that face." Alright, where's that pencil?

Have feedback? Readers can contact Steven at vandervelde4@aol.com or (219) 989-2547.

Ahh, the many ways to wear a SCARF

Olivia Castaneda | Staff writer

✻ Scarves have been a must-have accessory for the past four years. And the longer they stay on the scene, the more ways there are to wear them.

✻ Surprisingly, there are more than just a few different ways to wear a scarf.

✻ Scarves can be the focal point of an outfit.

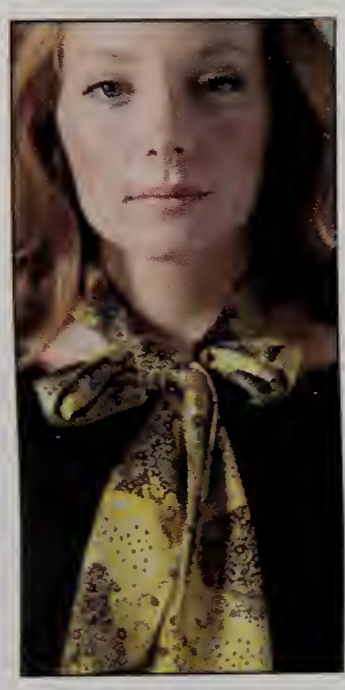
✻ According to fashion stylist Rachel Zoe in a 2007 interview for Allure Magazine, a scarf can either make or break an outfit. Zoe said the scarf does not have to match the entire outfit. Mixed colors and patterns make a huge fashion statement, so feel free to be risqué.

✻ Do not wear long earrings which can get caught in the scarf. Instead wear studs and accessorize the wrists with chunky jewelry. Wear a hugging-fitted top to avoid looking heavy. During the winter, because the scarf is the main accessory, do not remove it along with your jacket, gloves and hat.

✻ Ellegirl Magazine recently counted . Here are the instructions for each:

Slip knot

Fold the scarf in half, then wrap it around your neck and pull the loose ends through the loop

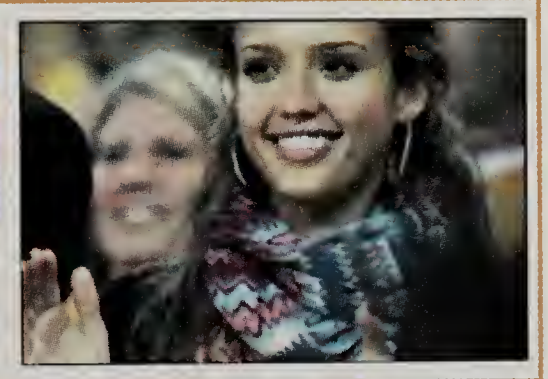


Bow tie

This one is pretty self-explanatory. Wrap the scarf around the back of your neck and tie a bow at the front

Neck warmer

Wrap the scarf around your neck continually until you can wrap no more



Reverse wrap-around

This is the famous, messy-chic look seen on the streets. Wrap the scarf around your neck towards your back and let the tips hang down your back. Then place each end over the opposite shoulder and make sure not to pull too tight, remember this look is not about perfection or symmetry

The cowboy collar

A square scarf is required. Fold the scarf diagonally and make a knot in front

The straight hang

This is the easiest way to wear a scarf. Simply wrap it around your neck and let the ends hang in front

Students display their talents in two short plays

LeAnne Munoz
Staff Writer

The theatre company is back in business. With three more shows of "Graceland" and "Cat Hoarders Anonymous", the opening-day jitters have gone and the best performances are likely to come.

"Graceland" and "Cat Hoarders Anonymous," are two short, one act plays done with very little scenery, as well as small casts.

Director Corya Channing said of the plays, "I'm proud and happy to present two wonderful plays featuring fine young actors – all women. Toss in a handful of young men in supporting roles and we have a recipe for success."

Cast member Aimee Elias said, "The Thursday before the show was our first and only real dress rehearsal, and it ran smoothly for everyone."

Writer of "Cat Hoarders Anonymous" and PUC communications faculty member, Theresa Carilli, shared her inspiration for her play.

"'Cat Hoarders Anonymous' was partially inspired by 'Graceland,' a play which uses the dramatic device of competition to create humor," she said. "Sometimes when individuals focus on being first, they lose sight of their original goal and intentions- which can be tragic and hilarious."

"Cat Hoarder's Anonymous" takes place during present day, in the basement of a church. The scene opens with two women sitting across from one another, waiting for a meeting about people who hoard cats to come to order.

Arlene, played by Nykki Massengill, is from the south and is convinced she can speak to her four cats, and Ricky, played by LaTiona Washington, is an unemployed mother who wants to give cats a good home. Both state they are not hoarders.

When the character of Jeananne, played by Aimee Elias, enters trying to find a good home for her newborn kittens, everyone's true competitive side comes out to play.

The scenery of "Cat Hoarder's" speaks for itself, creating a stark, post-modern feel. Bits of humor are incorporated into the storyline, such as all the woman wearing an item of apparel edged in fur. Each actor seems to effortlessly engulf themselves into their characters, smudging the lines between crazy and sane, helpful and harmful, hoarder and rescuer.

"Graceland," written by Ellen Byron, is set in the front yard of Graceland, Elvis Presley's mansion. It is 5 a.m., June 4, 1982, just three days before the opening of Graceland to the public.

The audience is introduced to two women, Rootie Mallert (played by Elly Eveland), and Bev Davies (played by Brandy Thornberry); both of who are desperate to be the first to step foot into the historic place in which Elvis Presley had lived. These two women have wonderful chemistry, and allow the audience to admire their characteristics and flaws, all while feeling pity for them at the same time.

"Graceland" is naturalistic in both the actors' style of performing, as well as the set itself. A painted backdrop of a woodland area is the main set, which transports the audience into a storybook setting. The actors keep the naturalistic feeling flowing and stay true to their characters, by keeping the space intimate and competitive at the same time. "Graceland" and "Cat Hoarder's Anonymous" show November 21st – 22nd at 8:00p.m. The tickets are $10 for adults and free for PUC students with an ID.

Photo by Nathyn Gibson

Rootie Mallert (played by Elly Eveland) and Bev Davies (played by Brandy Thornberry) enjoy a dance while singing "Rock Around the Clock" until Davies realizes that the song is not an Elvis song. Visit pucchronicle.com this week for exclusive video of the performance.

Local band experiments with every sound out there

Mark Farner
Staff Writer

Local music group Abeo once performed a show without electricity. It was pouring rain and the power went out, so the band had to position a generator through the drive-thru window. They played their music as people danced only in candlelight.

"A lot of people remember that show," Andrew Wasowicz said.

The PUC student band traces its beginnings to Lake Central in June 2005. Among many other projects, Chris Neumann and Wasowicz were focused on playing industrial. While working for the student newspaper, Neumann met John Mick, who "brought the funk to the band."

Neumann is a senior majoring in Visual Communications and Graphics Design, Wasowicz is a junior majoring in Chemistry and Mick is a freshman majoring in Business.

"Go through an online database of musical instruments we've attempted half of them."

Chris Neumann, band member

It was a complete turnaround from industrial to what the band is doing now. It started as a lofty dream, getting more serious every day. Abeo doesn't have a genre because, as the band said, they are too varied to be considered a part of any genre. They can best be described as a mix of psychedelic, funk, rock, jazz and a little electronica. Their songs are constantly changing and taking on new forms. Each member plays a variety of instruments and roles. The band members are self-described as "multi-instrumentalists."

"We have a collection of crazy instruments no one's ever heard of or seen," Wasowicz said.

Wasowicz plays bass, djembe (an African hand drum) and is currently learning the didgeridoo, an indigenous Australian wind instrumet. Neumann plays guitar, synthesizer, keyboard and the kalimba, which is described as the African "thumb piano." Mick plays drums and guitar along with providing noises, voices and general percussion.

"Go through an online database of musical instruments," Neumann said. "We've attempted half of them."

The band has both strong common influences and influences unique to each individual. The band's biggest musical influence comes from other cultures.

Neumann's personal influence comes from progressive rock band The Mars Volta; for Wasowicz, Les Claypool of the bands Primus and Blind Illusion; and Mick, Stewart Copeland from the Police. Rather than having an official songwriter, every song is a collaboration. The band recommends the songs "Seeds and Greed The Afrofunk," "Acid Beach" and "Faster Foods." Each song has an infectious sound demanding to be played more than once.

Between professional and recreational stages, Abeo wants to get in on the Chicago music scene. They have played such locales as hookah bars and Knights of Columbus. They hope to play the Double Door in Chicago and the Bean Counters Coffee House in Highland.

If Abeo has a flaw, it's being overambitious.

"At the shows, we want videos playing, lighting and artwork at the shows," Neumann said.

Their focus is always on storytelling and trying to present a message. For instance, they consider kazoos to be under appreciated instruments. So what's the future hold for Abeo? They predict they will finish a full-length album the summer of 2009. One of the guitarists left for England, so the band is open for new members. Their songs and music are always evolving. They have a saying to sum it all up – "Hasta la Victoria Siempre" (Until victory always).

Photo provided

Members of the band bring their own influences from rock legends like The Police and The Mars Volta. The combination is powerful and creates a sound that won't be soon forgotten.

Abeo's songs and history about previous projects and members can be found at myspace.com/abeosphere.

Gear up and get ready for a bit of a letdown

Game doesn't quite live up to its big brother

Timothy Creech
Correspondent

The bar was set high for "Gears of War 2," but does it deliver? Simply put, yes.

"Gears of War" cemented the Xbox 360 as a true next-generation contender. Even though the first "Gears of War" has flaws, including the short and simple story, the stellar game play and beautiful graphics more than make up for them.

The story gets some much needed improvement, now with a longer campaign mode and larger levels. The game lets players take control of Marcus Fenix as he fights to save humanity from extinction along with the rest of Delta squad.

The game starts off in Jacinto, humanities last sanctuary against the Locust horde. The initial scene involves fighting off a small group of Locust in a hospital. Then gamers take the battle straight to where the Locust horde lives. There are a few plot twists along the way. However, the story does end a bit abruptly.

New characters and weapons are present along with a new chain saw dueling system. No longer is the winner decided by who presses the button first. Instead, when the chain saws lock, whoever can press B first wins. The winner is rewarded with a beautiful scene of the opponent being sawed in half. Active reload also returns along with the curb stomp and a whole array of ways to finish enemies off. "Meatshields" are another new addition. This feature allows the player to pick up a downed enemy and use him as a shield.

Much of the game play and sound remains the same. The controls are basically the same as the first "Gears of War". The voice acting may be a bit of a turn off, but the sound effects and music are decent.

The place where "Gears of War 2" really shines is in the multi-player mode. This version offers eight different modes and 10 new maps. Plus, the game comes with a code to download five additional maps from the first "Gears of War."

The number of players per team has increased to five. Horde is by far one of the best new game modes. In this mode, players fight wave after wave of increasingly difficult Locust. This is made better by the ability to add up to four more players, and there are up to 50 waves of enemies.

"Gears of War 2" delivers in all areas. The world of the game looks even more beautiful than the first, and the Locust horde are as ugly as ever.

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Although the game has major improvements like control of characters and larger levels, the voices of the characters are poorly portrayed.

"Gears of War 2" will definitely be a huge seller this holiday season and for good reason. Avid fans of shooters will enjoy the game along with those who just enjoy the occasional shooter. The new features and online multiplayer is what keeps the game fresh and will keep players coming back for more.

4/5 Overall Stars

Latest installment exceeds expectations

The sixth book in the series does not disappoint readers

Elly Eveland
Correspondent

Artemis Fowl does it again. The new book came out this summer entitled, "Artemis Fowl: The Time Paradox". The sixth book in the series does not disappoint readers. In fact, it is one of the best ones.

The latest installment starts off as the rest of the series with Artemis in his Irish mansion not doing anything unexpected. But that changes quickly. When Artemis's mother falls ill, it will be up to Artemis, his faithful bodyguard, Butler, and his trusty "Leprecon" friends to save her.

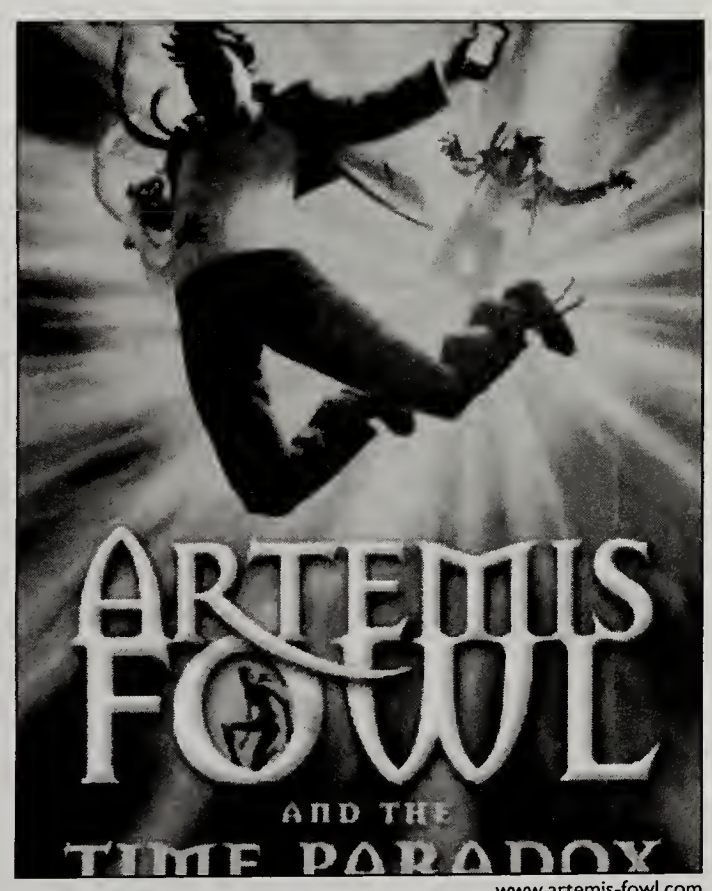
As usual, Artemis calls on his used-to-be enemy and long-time-friend, Captain Holly Short and her helpful, technology-savvy companion, Foaly the centaur for some assistance. They find out that Artemis' mother has a rare fairy disease called Spelltropy and the only cure must be extracted from the brain of a lemur. The only problem is that Artemis killed the last of that particular species years ago. Now, Artemis needs help from his young warlock friend No1 to go back in time, take the lemur out of his own hands, and save his mother from certain death.

This segment in the Artemis Fowl series is much like the last five. Artemis gets into a spat of insanely complex trouble and his fairy friends help him save the day. The book is very enjoyable and, although a bit repetitive, it kept interest, nonetheless. It is filled to the brim with bizarre and well-loved characters, complex and technology-filled plans, and, of course, long-lasting friendships.

The part that makes this book different from the other five is that Artemis has two twin brothers to look after and his father is back from supposed death. He, now, will have to keep the secret of his fairy friends from them too. Because if anyone found out about The People, their world would come crashing down and Mud Men (humans) would take over. Artemis has never really dealt with family life so this added more humor and fun to the story.

Although many older readers are quite fond of the Artemis Fowl books, they are geared toward a younger crowd. But that does not mean that a college student should not read them. If looking for a fun and easy read, the Artemis Fowl books are recommended. The books are very exciting and entertaining, despite the age group they're geared towards.

"The Time Paradox" provides much heroism and excitement. Though it really has nothing substantial or useful to gain, it still is a very fun read. So, here's to Artemis Fowl, criminal mastermind at the age of 15.



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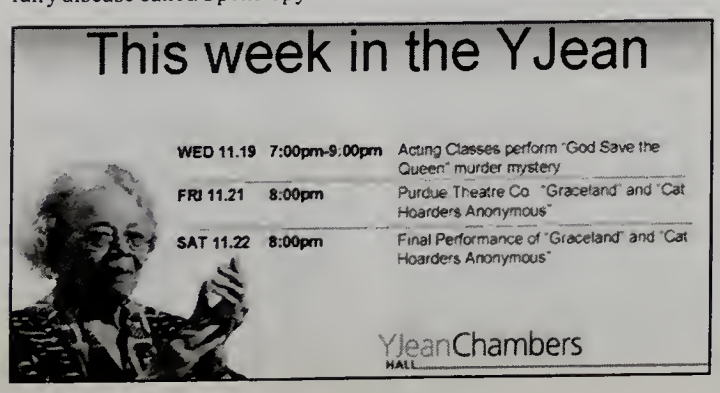
This week in the YJean
WED 11.19 7:00pm-9:00pm Acting Classes perform "God Save the Queen" murder mystery
FRI 11.21 8:00pm Purdue Theatre Co. "Graceland" and "Cat Hoarders Anonymous"
SAT 11.22 8:00pm Final Performance of "Graceland" and "Cat Hoarders Anonymous"
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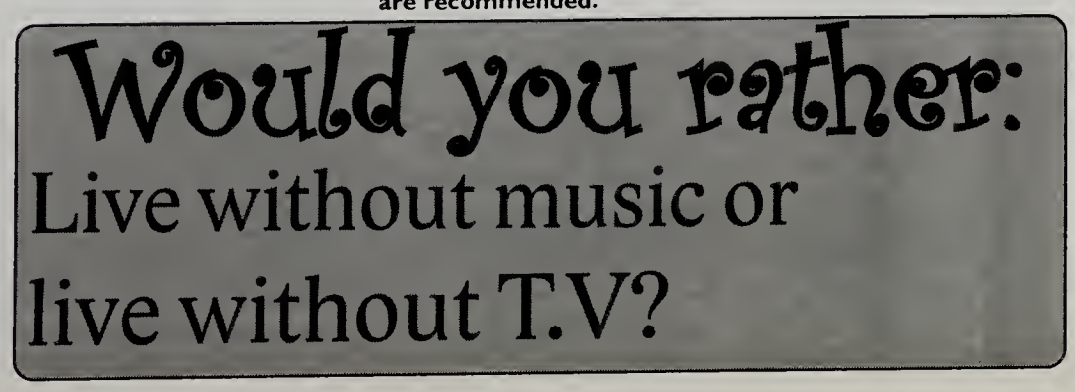

Police Blotter

11.08.08 – REC Cen. – 3:00 p.m.

Intimidation - There was a verbal altercation between a mother and a coach. The subject was escorted from the property.

Closed

11.10.08 - Gyte - Time Unknown

Graffiti - Graffiti was found on the walls of the stairwells in the Gyte building.

Closed

11.10.08 - 2320 173rd St. - 9 a.m.

Intimidation - Upon checking his answering machine, an employee found a threatening message.

Open

11.10.08 - Anderson - 2 p.m.

Attempted Bribery - U.S. currency was found in between the pages of an exam.

Open

11.12.08 - UV - 6:50 p.m.

No Trespass Order - Resident at the UV allowed three non-residents into a side door without them checking in at the desk. They were issued no trespass orders and were escorted out of the building.

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Tuesday
November 18
Partly Cloudy
36°/29°

Wednesday
November 19
Mostly Cloudy
42°/32°

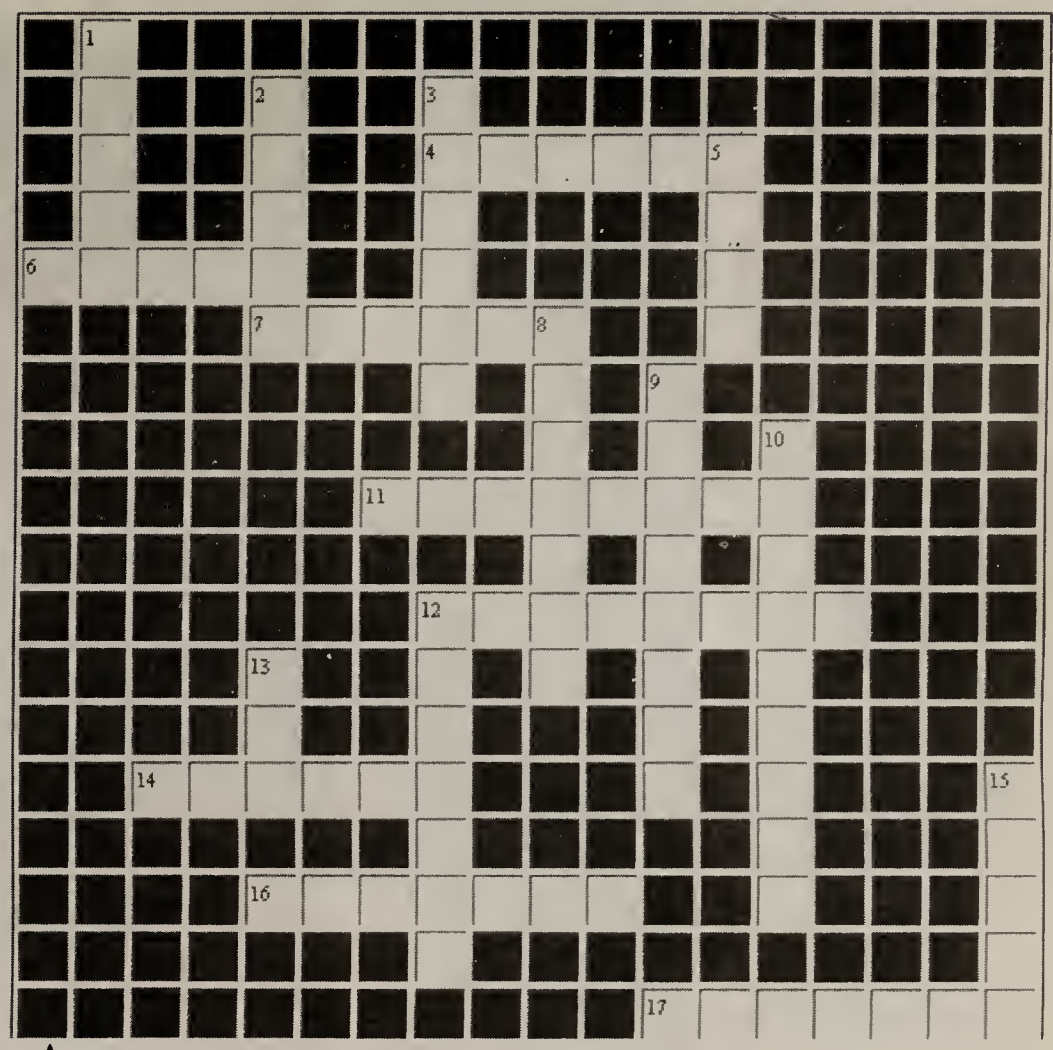
Thursday
November 20
Mostly Cloudy
38°/26°

Friday
November 21
Few Snow Showers
37°/29°

Saturday
November 22
Partly Cloudy
41°/32°

Sunday
November 23
Rain/Snow Showers
40°/34°

Professional Wrestling



Across

4 He was the financial owner of WCW
6 He is the first ever Ring of Honor World Champion.
7 He is the first person to hold the WWF World Championship.
11 He calls himself "The best the is, the best there was, and the best there ever will be.
12 This is the city in Canada where Bret Hart made his last WWF wrestling performance.
14 He is the "Straight Edge" superstar of Raw.
16 As published in an earlier edition of The Chronicle, he won this year's Ted Petty Invitational.
17 He is the first person to hold the WWF and the WCW World titles at the same time.

Down

1 When they were still in business, this was the name of WCW's Monday TV show.
2 Considered by many to be the greatest wrestler of all time, he ended his multi decade career at this year's Wrestlemania.
3 He is the first ever NWA: TNA X Division Champion.
5 He is a former WWF Champion turned actor, if you can smell what he is cooking.
8 He won the first ever match at Wrestlemania.
9 This MMA fighter won the NWA World Championship during the first ever PPV held by NWA: TNA.
10 He beat "Macho Man" Randy Savage at Wrestlemania 3 to win the WWF Intercontinental Title
12 Mick Foley won the WWF World Championship under this name.
13 This wrestler acted in Rob Zombie's film "The Devil's Rejects."
15 Before the WWE bought ECW and turned it into a brand, he was the last ECW champion.

Sudoku

Normal

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Women's Basketball

Davenport 90, PUC 79

Early season struggles

Four PUC players get into double digits while the Peregrines drop game at home

Marvin Elroy Jackson III
Staff Writer

The Peregrines fell to the Davenport Panthers 90-79 at home Tuesday night against a nationally ranked NAIA team.

The Panthers made a run and expanded their lead to 20 points in the second half, but the Peregrines made a run of their own clawing all the way back to within four with 5:30 remaining in the game.

The Peregrines (1-5) had the Panthers reeling midway through the second half with fantastic on-the-ball defense and stellar shooting, going 15-of-25 from the field, and 5-of-11 from the three-point line in the second half.

"The team played very hard, some little things like not blocking out sometimes and giving up easy rebounds, which led to second shots...That hurt us," said Coach Tom Megyesi. "Despite giving up 90 points, it's hard to say we played good defense. We took them out of what they wanted to do... To compete with them I thought was good for us. I thought we took some good shots, and scoring 79 points is nothing to be ashamed of."

The Peregrines showed improvements with every game. For the second home game in a row, four players finished in double digits in scoring.

Also, the Peregrines protected the ball and shot a higher percentage from the field.

Forward Chrissy Lobodinksi led the team in rebounds (6) and added 10 points. Jennifer Britton played only 11 minutes and scored 10 points.

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PUC freshman guard Stephaine Beck drives against the Davenport defender last Tuesday in the REC Center. Beck led PUC with 23 points in the loss.

Nicci Desimone scored 11 points and shot 3-of-7 from beyond the arc.

Freshman guard Stephaine Beck contributed 23 points. She said, "[Scoring] is not a priority of mine, I'd rather win. It's nice to score points to help the team, but I think we can win without me scoring."

The Peregrines next challenge will be at home when facing Bethel College on Tuesday night in a double-header with the men's team.

Women Nov. 4
Davenport 90, PUC 79

PUC	FG	REB	PTS
12 Harris, M.	4/10	4	9
20 Desimone, N.	4/9	3	11
21 Beck, S.	9/14	1	23
22 Lobodinski, C.	5/6	6	10
32 Keilman, S.	3/5	5	6
11 Britton, J.	3/8	3	10
13 Coleman, K.	0/1	1	0
23 Hurst, L.	2/4	3	4
24 Robinson, C.	2/4	5	6
Team	32/61	34	79

Davenport	FG	REB	PTS
13 Lyman, B.	4/5	2	9
15 Boehm, K.	2/5	4	6
23 Grubius, C.	0/6	4	2
32 Benike, K.	11/19	5	26
5 Peters, M.	0/1	0	0
10 Despres, K.	3/7	1	8
11 Haverdink, S.	1/1	1	3
12 Neff, A.	3/7	1	7
14 Robertson, T.	0/1	1	0
22 Janish, J.	4/10	7	10
31 Swartz, B.	1/1	0	2
34 Anderson, K.	2/2	0	5
4 Bagneski, J.	3/6	3	6
45 Roles, S.	3/5	4	6
Team	37/76	36	90

Up Next:

Men | 11/18 v. Bethel College 7:30 p.m.
Men | 11/22 v. Linsey Wilson 3 p.m.

Women | 11/18 v. Bethel College 5 p.m.
Women | 11/22 @ Ill. Inst. Tech. 1 p.m.

Intramurals

Spiked Punch ends season on win

Intramural volleyball teams play last week of regular season games before starting the playoffs next week

Casey Brandon
Staff Writer

Spiked Punch rolled over Eurostars to finish the regular season with a final record of seven wins and two losses.

Early on in the first set Eurostars were even with Spiked Punch at five. Then Spiked Punch found their rhythm and would go on a 13-4 run. The Eurostars strung a few points together at the end of the set but Spiked Punch won 21-12.

In the second set Eurostars only managed to keep it even at three until Spiked Punch again ran away with the score 21-4.

The Eurostars were able to put some points on the board but were unable to hold back the scoring of Spiked Punch. Near the end of the match a marathon of volleying took place between the two teams, neither being able to get the upper hand for over a minute.

"We're looking good for the playoffs. We started out the season a little rocky, but now we're dialed in, just wait till your punch gets spiked" Spiked Punch player senior Katie Craig, a communication major said after the match.

New Flave's last tune up before the playoffs start, saw them outlast Hawaiian Punch in two straight sets. In what was one of the premiere matches of the night.

After drawing first blood New Flave was matched in intensity and play by Hawaiian Punch. For much of the first set the lead was traded back and forth, neither team able to pull ahead by more than two points at any one time.

The Score was still even at 16 before New Flave was able to put some kind of streak together. The set ended with New Flave on top 21-17.

The second set started out much the same as the first. The lead never got more than two points for either team until New Flave found themselves on top 13-10 after the scoreboard came back on. It was unplugged and the match had to be stopped for a bit until it came back on.

From that point on Hawaiian punch seemed to loose their punch and New Flave went on a hot streak. New Flave took the match 21-14.

"We've only lost one game this year, we're used to working together," New Flave player Rachell Acevedo said.

Chronicle photo by Vicky Chen

Spiked Punch plays Eurostars on Thursday in the REC Center. Spiked Punch won the game 21-12, 21-4.

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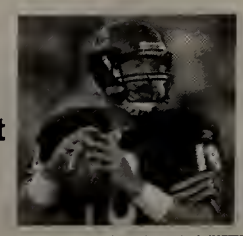
Quote of the week

"I stunk it up. I just look at myself, obviously -- when you get beat by 30 points, you don't have to look too far. I just look at myself and say I've got to get better."



Kyle Orton, after the Bears 37-3 loss to the Packers on Sunday

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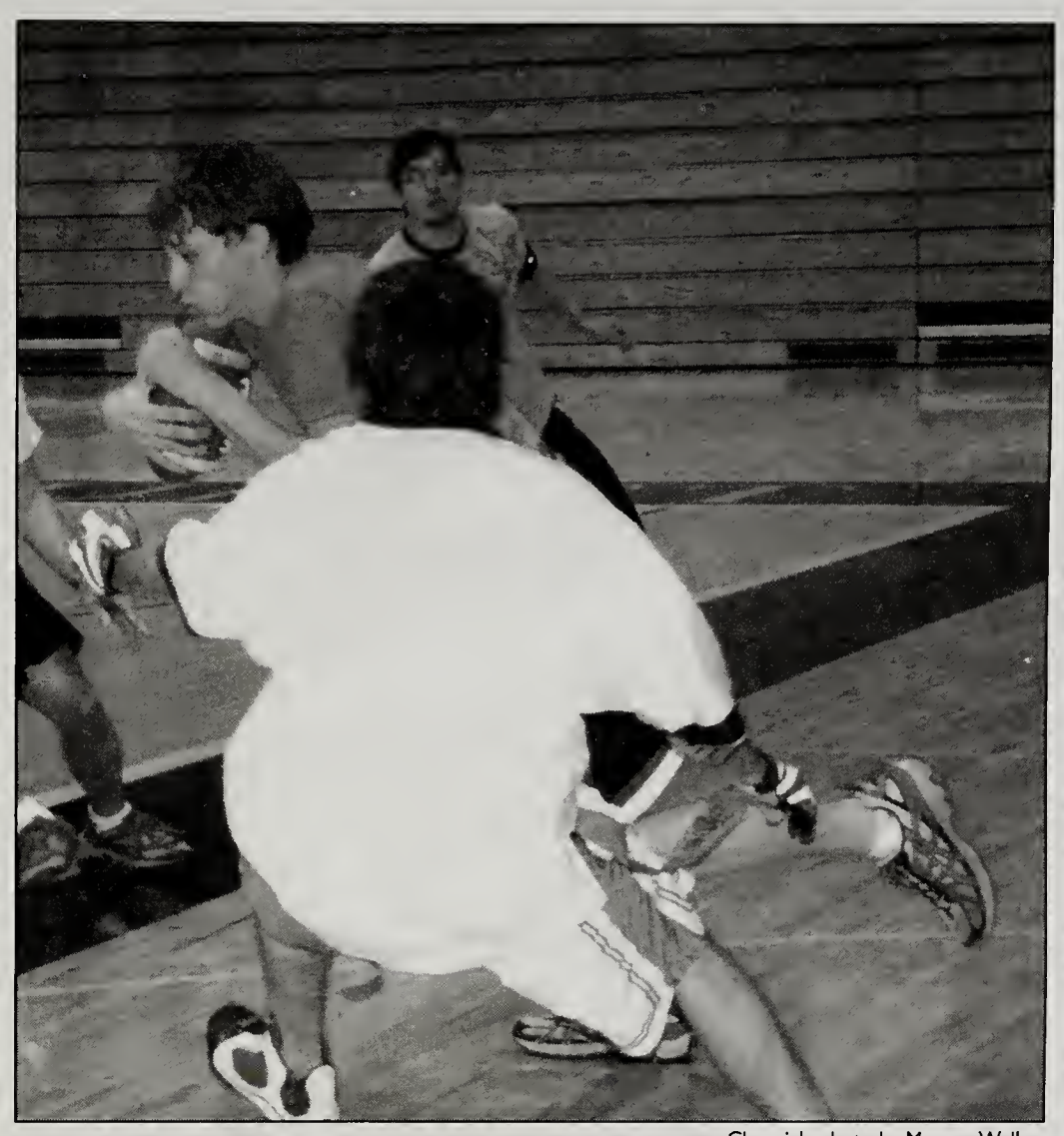
Prepping for the playoffs



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Tommy Cavell, a computer engineering major who plays for Team Unknown runs with the football on Monday night at the Rec Center. The intramural flag football playoffs begin this week.

Intramural Schedule:

Playoff schedule
Flag Football

Round #1 (Mon., Nov. 17th)
7:30pm #5 (N) Big Test vs. #2 (N) Fantastik 4
8pm #4 (A) Team Mayhem vs. #3 (A) Highland
8:30pm #4 (N) Good Ole Boys vs. #3 (N) Mercenaries

Round #1 & #2 (Wed., Nov. 19th)
8:30pm Winner of Highland/ Team Mayhem vs. #1 (A) 4TH N One
9pm #5 (A) Revolution vs. #2 (A) Untouchables
9:30pm Winner of Good Ole Boys/ Mercenaries vs. #1 (N) Entourage

Volleyball

Thursday, Nov. 20th
7pm #6 (S) Vets vs. vs. #3 (S) Spiked Punch South Court
7pm #7(S) Chi-City V-Stars vs. #2 (S) New Flave North Court
7:3Spm #S (S) Big Dogs vs. #4 (S) Dig This South Court
7:3Spm #6 (N) Sloppy Sets vs. #1 (N) BA's North Court
8:10 Winner of Big/Dig vs. #1 (S) Bump, Set !?! South Court
8:10pm Winner of Vets/Spiked vs. Winner Chi/New North Court
8:45 #S (N) Purple Parrots vs. #2 (N) PUC Spikers South Court
8:4S #4 (N) Hawaiian Punch vs. #3(N) Eurostars North Court
9:1S Winners of 8:4Spm Games South Court

Wednesday, Nov. 19
Bench Press Challenge IX
7:00 p.m.
Location: PUC Gym

Give the intramural program some fields

Ryan Metz
Sports Editor

Zero. The number of acres outside allotted to intramural sports at PUC. What a travesty.

Compare that with the fields at Purdue in West Lafayette which has over 125 acres with a large portion of that being the Black and Gold Fields. These fields offer a variety of facilities for outdoor sports like soccer, softball, rugby, cricket, flag football and ultimate Frisbee.

And with new dorms being built right next to the University Village on 173rd Avenue, space for fields is rapidly disappearing.

"I would love to see an outdoor facility," PUC intramural coordinator Matt Dudzik said. "Somewhere on campus with a field and lights, so we can move soccer and flag football outdoors. It's something I would really like to see. If we had our own facility like that, it would separate this program. It's a nice program now, but it could be a great program with something like that."

Dudzik, who has interjected his hard work into over 1,000 participants partaking in intramurals last year alone, should be given better facilities for his games.

The intramurals share the REC Center Gym with the women's and men's basketball teams and that simply is not good enough. With both basketball teams practicing and holding home games in the gym, it often makes for conflicts with schedules.

Finding fields in between Lawshe Hall and the Gyte Building for sports like ultimate Frisbee and other events that can be held outside is nice, but not exactly what you would call a true intramural field.

The administration needs to find a cure fast for finding fields for the intramural program. The program is the number one way for everyone on campus to unite, and the numbers back that up. If Dudzik doesn't get more support, it will blow what's an already badly lit school spirit torch completely out.

Dudzik has already done a superb job of taking what are pretty slim circumstances and putting a nice pretty bow on it. To think a program would have 41 sports without any designated fields outside is pretty amazing. He's adapted and found room at local bowling alleys for events and found nearby parks to hold other events.

For a commuter school like PUC, it would seem an important issue would be finding any way possible to get more people involved, and intramurals does just that.

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National Lampoon Sports Minute on SC

Boston College has unveiled a life-sized statue of Doug Flutie. The sculpture will also serve as a height chart to determine if fans are tall enough to get into the stadium.

The Knicks are reportedly pursuing Golden State forward Al Harrington. New York likes the fact that he has a bloated contract and a history of underachievement, but they're still not sure if they can count on him to be a major distraction off the court.

Ryan Leaf has been placed on indefinite leave from his job at West Texas A&M for asking one of his players for a pain pill. Leaf was in a great deal of pain after thinking about his life.

Former All-Star catcher Mike Piazza is currently writing his memoir. It's taking a while, since he keeps dotting every "I" with a heart.

The Yankees intend to spend $150 million to lure C.C, Sabathia to New York. And that's just on lunch.

The Seattle Mariners have come up with a list of seven candidates to be their next GM. The team plans to go with who ever selects the shortest straw.

And Reds pitcher Edinson Volquez finished fourth in the Rookie of the Year voting even though he's not technically a rookie. In related news, Tigers outfielder Gary Sheffield finished tenth in the Humanitarian of the Year voting even though he's not technically a human.

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Ryan Metz's
Weekly High Five
top baseball free-agents

1 CC Sabathia

Sabathia could be headed for the richest free-agent contract ever given to a pitcher. The 28-year-old could turn down a boat load of money that the Yankees are willing to shell out in order to hit every fifth day for a National League team.

2 Francisco Rodriguez

The 27-year-old single-season saves leader might have lost some velocity on his fastball, but a contender would be silly to not want this guy coming into the game with it on the line.

3 Manny Ramirez

Manny being Manny. It's the line that follows this peculiar slugger. The 36-year-old outfielder wants a long-term deal with lots of money but most teams aren't willing to throw cash at someone who quit in Boston before being traded to L.A.

4 Mark Teixeira

The Yankees are also reportedly in the running for this 28-year-old switch hitting first basemen. His Gold Glove defense is a bonus for someone who covets this corner infielder.

5 A.J. Burnett

Although his record is rarely dazzling, the 31-year-old has got front line stuff that translated into 231 strike-outs last season, which was tops in the American League.

Intramurals

The man behind the games

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Since taking over as PUC's first intramural coordinator in 2003, Matt Dudzik has transformed student life outside of the classroom.

His efforts haven't gone unnoticed with students on campus. Last year, the PUC intramural program had over 1,000 participants.

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There's a good chance Matt Dudzik's Ford Explorer will be the last vehicle leaving the parking lot at the REC Center on most nights. After picking up towels, putting away the scoreboards and checking the doors, it's common for him to be turning off the lights close to midnight.

That's what comes with being the man in charge of the intramural program at PUC that currently offers 41 sports.

Appointed as the first full-time intramural coordinator at PUC in 2003, a 50-hour work week seems difficult, but Dudzik won't be the first to complain.

"It wouldn't be a dream job, but it seems pretty close to me," the 33-year-old Hammond native said.

After graduating from Hammond Clark, Dudzik came to PUC and earned a bachelor's degree in hotel and restaurant management in 1998. Turned off by working holidays and the weekends in the hotel industry, Dudzik came back to PUC with an eye on athletics.

With his bachelor's degree already in tow, Dudzik earned an associate's degree in fitness in 2001.

Working at the check-in desk in the REC Center for a practicum class, Dudzik formed a friendship with former athletic director Rob Jensen which helped open the door for a part-time position with intramurals.

Since then, Dudzik has transformed a program that featured only basketball and volleyball into an array of activities suiting likes for all students.

"The fun part of the job is that it's not routine, there's something different every night that is going on," Dudzik said.

While creating new sports to bring in different people, Dudzik has crafted new events each year.

"People have given me ideas such as ultimate frisbee and frisbee golf, but I'm always looking for something new that may get people to participate who have never participated before," he said.

New this year was an intramural eating contest which featured contestants eating as many Twinkies as possible in two minutes.

Dudzik and his wife Diane, a teacher at Eggers Middle School in Hammond, recently moved to Munster. The 10-minute drive to PUC helps out with his heavy workload – work that hasn't gone unnoticed.

"He is a very valued member of our health, recreation and sports staff," said Robert Bunnell, assistant vice chancellor for health, recreation and sports. "He is very organized and efficient in his work, and makes good use of his resources. Dudzik's programs have a large number of repeat participants, so those who do participate obviously are enjoying their experiences. He is very sensitive to the unique nature of our student body, and schedules activities in such a way that make the programs available to our students."

Dudzik's goal is to get as many students involved in intramurals as possible.

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> Matt Dudzik
> Intramural Coordinator

"I want to help them get more out of their college experience, besides just sitting in the classroom," Dudzik said. "They can go to the games and talk to each other and just make new friends."

Helping students get involved at a commuter school hasn't always been easy. Holding a majority of the events in the gym is difficult due to conflicting times with practices held by the basketball teams.

"I would love to see an outdoor facility. Somewhere on campus with a field and lights, so we can move soccer and flag football outdoors," Dudzik said. "If we had our own facility like that, it would help separate this program. It's a nice program now, but it could be a great program with something like that."

Dudzik credits bowling as his favorite intramural sport because participants don't take it too serious and there isn't arguing over referee calls, which often happens in other sports.

"A lot of them are trying to relive there high school glory days out there," Dudzik said.

And with every different sport, it brings out an entire different group of people that Dudzik enjoys seeing.

"It's all about them making friends and it makes the whole experience a lot of fun."

Five sports to try at PUC

Matt Dudzik gives his reasons why these sports should be given a try.

1. **Basketball** – Most popular intramural. Great way to meet fellow PUC students
2. **Eating Contest** – Who doesn't like Twinkies? It is also the most fun intramural to watch
3. **Fishing** – Most relaxing intramural
4. **Bean Bag Tournament** – Once you play it then you're hooked
5. **Rock, paper, scissors** – No athletic ability required

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